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Sri P. SELVARAJ :—" Sir, when there is a general demand that Local Fund hospitals should be taken over by the State, where is the necessity for again asking the Malabar District Board to open hospitals? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" It is only the Taluk Headquarters and municipal hospitals that are being provincialised, Sir, and that too only in instalments."

Construction of a road from Kunhimangalam to Ramanthali.

11-10 a.m. * 275 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any proposal to construct a road from Kunhimangalam to Ramanthali and Ettikulam in Payyanur Firka, North Malabar; and

(b) if so, at what stage the construction of the road stands now?

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" Two road works, namely—

(1) Forming a road from Elimala Railway Station in Kunhimangalam amsam to Ettikulam via Kunnaru; and

(2) Forming Ramanthali village road connecting the village Ramanthali with Ettikulam are included in the Five-Year Plan of Post-War Road Development. The formation of the Ramanthali village road has almost been completed. The formation of the other road will be taken up in due course."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that even though the construction of a road from Kunhimangalam to Ramanthali and Ettikulam has been included in the Five-Year Plan of Post-war Road Development, it has not yet been taken up and may I know whether the Government will be pleased to expedite this work? "

The Hon. Sri K. RAJARAM :—" The work regarding the formation of the village road has been completed and the other road will be taken up soon."

Utilization of Handloom Cess Fund in Malabar.

* 276 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether any suggestions for the utilization of the Handloom Cess Fund in Malabar district were put before Sri Lobo Prabhu, the Development Secretary, when he visited Cannanore recently by the representatives of the Chirakkal Taluk Handloom Workers' Union; and

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to implement them?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The suggestions are under the consideration of the Government."